

**Regular Council Meeting
March 8, 2011**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled council meeting of March 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Elizabeth Brannon, Ray Jackson, Earl King, Charlie Simmons and Harold Taunton. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Past Minutes

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve the minutes of the regular scheduled council meeting of February 24, as presented, Councilwoman Brannon seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Planning Issues

No items were presented.

2. Legal Matters

No items were presented.

3. Fire Department Report

No report was given.

4. Parks Department Report

No report was given.

5. Engineer's Report

Angie Jay, representing Preble-Rish informed Council that the North Bay Phase II plans and specifications were still under review.

Jody Solomon, representing Praestare Engineering, updated Council on the following items:

- Highway 331 utility relocation plans are being reviewed, meetings scheduled with E.C. Driver
- Punch list has been created for the lift station rebuild project, 5% retainage will cover items still being addressed
- Upgrades on the sewer plant is being advertised, bids to be opened March 17
- Electrical engineer from firm to come next week to look at batting cages and sewer plant.

IV. Old Business

1. Control room (well house) for well #2

Mayor Marse informed Council that Walton County has not been able to start demolition/construction of the old public works building as quickly as originally planned. There is some equipment repair needed for well #2, but it's not recommended to install new equipment and then relocate the control room. The estimate for the construction of the well house and moving of the electrical components is \$125,000.00. Councilman King motioned to approve advertising the construction of a new well house for well #2, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Walton County/Freeport Fire agreement

Mayor Marse requested approval to notify the Walton County Board of County Commissioners by letter that if the County and City could not reach an agreement regarding funding for the Fire Department for the next fiscal year, that as of October 1, 2011, the City would withdraw it's service area back to the City limits. After short discussion, Councilman King motioned to approve sending a letter to the County that if an agreement of funding could not be reached by September 30, 2011, as of October 1, the City of Freeport Fire Department would not respond to calls outside the City limits of Freeport, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

3. Ranking of proposals/Sports Complex Grant

After short discussion, rather than set a special council meeting, Council agreed to rank the proposals received for the grant administration and engineering agreements at the next regular scheduled meeting.

V. New Business

1. Financial audit fiscal year ending 9/30/10

Councilman Taunton motioned to approve the financial audit for the fiscal year ending 9/30/10 as presented, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Pay all bills in order

Councilman Taunton motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President